AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A portable terminal having an open state and a closed state, said portable terminal comprising:

a first housing having a main display unit with a screen;

a second housing having at least an input unit;

a detecting unit for detecting opening of either of said first and second housings; and

a control unit for controlling said screen of said main display unit;

wherein said first housing is openably and closably connected to said second housing, wherein said main display unit is disposed in an outside surface of said first housing which is opposite to an inside surface of said first housing that faces said second housing in said closed state, and is visible to a user in at least said closed state of said portable terminal, and wherein, when said detecting unit detects opening of either of said first and second housings, said control unit changes a non-input screen of an item to be displayed on said main display unit in the closed state to an input screen corresponding to said item.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The portable terminal according to claim 1 further comprising:

a selecting unit for selecting an item displayed on said main display unit, wherein when said detecting unit detects opening of either of said housings, said control device changes said screen with an item selected by said selecting unit to an input screen corresponding to said item.

Claim 3 (Original): The portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein said portable terminal is a personal digital assistant.

Claim 4 (Original): The portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein said portable terminal is a portable telephone.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A portable terminal having a closed state and an open state, said portable terminal comprising:

a first housing having a main display unit with a screen;

a second housing having at least an input unit;

a detecting unit for detecting opening of either of said <u>first and second</u> housings; and

a control unit for controlling said screen of said main display unit;

wherein said first and said second housings are openably and closably connected together, wherein said main display unit is <u>disposed in an outside surface of said first housing which is opposite to an inside surface of said first housing that faces said second housing in said closed state</u> visible to <u>a</u> the user in said closed state and in said open state of said portable terminal, wherein said input unit is visible to a user in said open state, and wherein, when said detecting unit detects opening of either of said <u>first and second</u> housings, said control unit changes a non-input screen of an item to be displayed on said main display unit in the closed state to an input screen corresponding to said item.

Claim 6 (Original): The portable terminal according to claim 5, wherein said portable terminal is a personal digital assistant.

Claim 7 (Original): The portable terminal according to claim 5, wherein said portable terminal is a portable telephone.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A portable terminal having a closed state and an open state, said portable terminal comprising:

a first housing having a main display unit, said main display unit being switchable between an input mode and a non-input mode;

a second housing having at least an input unit;

a detecting unit for detecting opening of either of said <u>first and second</u> housings; and

a control unit for switching said display unit between said non-input mode and said input mode;

wherein said <u>first and second</u> housings are openably and closably connected together, wherein said <u>main</u> display unit is <u>disposed in an outside surface of said first housing</u> <u>which is opposite to an inside surface of said first housing that faces said second housing in said</u> <u>closed state, and is</u> visible to a user in said closed state of said portable terminal, and wherein when said detecting unit detects opening of either of said <u>first and second</u> housings, said control unit switches said main display unit from said non-input mode in the closed state to said input mode in the open state.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A portable terminal having a closed state and an open state, said portable terminal comprising:

a first housing having a main display unit, said main display unit including a screen changeable between an input screen and a non-input screen;

a second housing having at least an input unit;

a detecting unit for detecting opening of either of said <u>first and second</u> housings;

a reception unit for receiving an electronic mail message; and

a control unit for selectively displaying said received electronic mail message on said screen of said main display unit and for changing said screen of said main display unit;

wherein said <u>first and second</u> housings are openably and closably connected together, wherein said main display unit is <u>disposed in an outside surface of said first housing which is opposite to an inside surface of said first housing that faces said second housing in said closed state, and is</u> visible to a user in said closed state, and wherein when said detecting unit detects opening of either of said <u>first and second</u> housings, said control unit changes said non-input screen displaying said received e-mail to said input screen for editing based on said received e-mail.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The portable terminal according to claim 9, wherein said control unit changes said non-input screen displaying said received e-mail to said input screen and displays said received e-mail on said input screen.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A method of displaying an input screen of a display unit of a portable terminal having <u>a first housing and a second housing</u> ~~housings~~ openably and closably connected together, <u>said main display unit disposed in an outside surface of said first housing which is opposite to an inside surface of said first housing that faces said second housing in a closed state of said first and second housings, the method</u> comprising the steps of:

selecting an item to be displayed on said main display unit while said portable terminal is in <u>said</u> ~~a~~ closed state; and

changing a non-input screen of said main display unit having an item selected thereon to an input screen corresponding to said selected item when either of said <u>first and second</u> housings is opened from said closed state.

Claim 12 (Original): The method according to claim 11, wherein said non-input screen has a guide view informing a user to open either of said housings from said closed state.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A method of displaying an input screen of a main display unit of a portable terminal having <u>a first housing and a second housing</u> ~~housings~~ openably and closably connected together, <u>said main display unit disposed in an outside surface of said first housing which is opposite to an inside surface of said first housing that faces said second housing in a closed state of said first and second housings, the method</u> comprising the steps of:

        receiving an electronic mail message;

        displaying said received electronic mail message on a non-input screen of said main display unit; and

        changing said non-input screen displaying said received electronic mail message to an input screen for editing based on said received electronic mail message when either of said <u>first and second</u> housings is opened from <u>said</u> ~~its~~ closed state.

Claim 14 (Original): The method according to claim 13, wherein said non-input screen has a guide view informing a user to open either of said housings from said closed state.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): A portable terminal having an open state and a closed state, said portable terminal comprising:

        a first housing having a main display unit with a screen;

        a second housing having an input unit;

        a detecting unit for detecting opening of either of said <u>first and second</u> housings; and

        a control unit for controlling said screen of said main display unit;

wherein said first housing is openably and closably connected to said second housing, wherein said main display unit is <u>disposed in an outside surface of said first housing which is opposite to an inside surface of said first housing that faces said second housing in said closed state, and is</u> visible to a user in at least said closed state of said portable terminal, and wherein, when said detecting unit detects opening of either of said <u>first and second</u> housings, said control unit changes said screen of said main display unit to an input screen.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A portable terminal having a closed state and an open state, said portable terminal comprising:

a first housing having a main display unit with a screen;

a second housing having an input unit;

a detecting unit for detecting opening of either of said <u>first and second</u> housings; and

a control unit for controlling said screen of said main display unit;

wherein said first and said second housings are openably and closably connected together, wherein said main display unit is <u>disposed in an outside surface of said first housings which is opposite to an inside surface of said first housing that faces said second housing in said closed state, and is</u> visible to <u>a</u> ~~the~~ user in said closed state and in said open state of said portable terminal, wherein said input unit is visible to a user in said open state, and wherein, when said detecting unit detects opening of either of said <u>first and second</u> housings, said control unit changes said screen of said main display unit to an input screen.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A portable terminal having a closed state and an open state, said portable terminal comprising:

a first housing having a main display unit, said main display unit being switchable

between an input mode and a non-input mode;

a second housing having an input unit;

a detecting unit for detecting opening of either of said first and second housings;

and

a control unit for switching said main display unit between said non-input mode

and said input mode;

wherein said first and said second housings are openably and closably connected

together, wherein said main display unit is disposed in an outside surface of said first housing

which is opposite to an inside surface of said first housing that faces said second housing in said

closed state, and is visible to a the user in said closed state of said portable terminal, and wherein

when said detecting unit detects opening of either of said first and second housings, said control

unit switches said main display unit from said non-input mode to said input mode.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): A portable terminal having a closed state and an open state,

said portable terminal comprising:

a first housing having a main display unit, said main display unit with a screen

changeable between an input screen and a non-input screen;

a second housing having an input unit;

a detecting unit for detecting opening of either of said first and second housings;

and

a control unit for selectively displaying said received electronic mail message on

said screen of said main display unit and for changing said screen of said main display unit;

wherein said <u>first and second</u> housings are openably and closably connected together, wherein said main display unit is <u>disposed in an outside surface of said first housing which is opposite to an inside surface of said first housing that faces said second housing in said closed state, and is</u> visible to the user in said closed state, and wherein when said detecting unit detects opening of either of said <u>first and second</u> housings, said control unit changes said non-input screen displaying said received e-mail to said input screen for editing based on said received e-mail.

Claim 19 (New): The portable terminal according to claim 1, wherein said input unit is disposed in said second housing in such a manner that said input unit is not exposed outside in said closed state and is exposed outside in said open state, and said input screen is a screen which enables a user to perform an input operation using said input unit.